



Reply To: 3460

Date: March 17, 1993

Mr. Garree Williamson
Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area
15610 Vaughn Road
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Dear Garree:

On March 9 and 10, 1993, Karen Bolen of your staff accompanied USDA Forest Service personnel during an egg mass survey at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA). The purpose of the survey was to determine gypsy moth populations levels and to determine if gypsy moth egg masses are present at CVNRA.

Egg mass surveys were conducted at 24 of the grid points that had the highest gypsy moth catches during 1992 trapping season (grid points #7, 24, 25, 59, 70, 71, 91, 100, 102, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 138, 143, 154, 158, 160, 161, 162, 171, 181 and 201). All these grid points had trap catches of at least 59 gypsy moth. Although grid points #68 and 80 had gypsy moth catches of at least 59 in 1992, egg mass surveys were not conducted at these two grid points due to time constraints and inclement weather.

I am pleased to report that no "new" gypsy moth egg masses were detected during this survey. However, it is highly likely that new egg masses exist at CVNRA. Although the gypsy moth population is growing, it is still very low. No noticeable defoliation or larval nuisance should occur at CVNRA during the next couple of years.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation in the gypsy moth trapping program at CVNRA. Please feel free to call Brad or myself if you have any questions regarding the gypsy moth or any other forest insect or disease.

Sincerely,

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